(d) Government is constantly reviewing the price situation and has taken corrective steps. The State sector and cooperative sector spinning mills have been directed to augment the production of crucial counts of yarn and exercise restraint in prices. The National Textile Corporation (NTC) has been asked to readjust their production plan to augment production of hank yarn of 40s and below where the price rise has affected the handloom weavers the most. NHDC has also been advised to augment yarn supplies. The Chief Ministers of States have been requested to monitor the production of yarn by Cooperative/State sector mills, and to hold regular State Level reviews regarding supply, prices and distribution of hank yarn. The Chief Ministers have also been advised to impress upon the District Collectors to organise regular checking of the stocks and selling prices of yarn dealers in the districts, with a view to prevent hoarding of yarn.

De-Recognition of Political Parties

3719. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has recently withdrawn the recognition of several political parties;

(b) if so, the details of National and State level parties which have been de-recognised;

(c) the effect of de-recognition on their election symbol;

(d) whether these parties are entitled to get the same symbol during the coming elections;

(e) whether Kerala Congress (M) is a recognised State party; and

(f) if so, whether there is any other party with the name of Kerala Congress which now has been recognised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JSUTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Election Commission has withdrawn recognition of three National Parties, viz., (1) Indian Congress (Socialist-Sarat Chandra Sinha), (2) Janata Dal (Samajwadi) and (3) Lok Dal, and ten State parties, viz., (1) Democratic Party (Mizoram), (2) Kerala Congress, (3) Nagaland Peoples' Party (4) Patalli Makkal Katchi (Pondicherry), (5) Peasants and Workers Party of India (Maharashtra), (6) Peoples Party of Arunachal, (7) Plains Tribals Council of Assam (8) Pondicherry .Mannila Makkal Mannani (9) Revolutionary Socialist Party (Kerala) and (10) United Minorities Front, Assam. Indian Congress (Socialist-Sarat Chandra Sinha) however, has been found eligible for recognition as State Party in the States of Kerala and Manipur.

(c) and (d). A political party derecognised both as national and state party loses its reserved symbol. A political party derecognised as a national party but recognised as a State party is entitled to use its reserved symbol in the State or States in which it is so recognised.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No, Sir.

Letters Received from members of Parliament

3720. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: